



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE Julian Forest Fire Station - Dozer Barn Repair

PROJECT LOCATION Julian Forest Fire Station
1587 Highway 78
Julian, CA 92036

COUNTY San Diego

LEAD AGENCY California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project proposes to remove and redistribute excessive soil that is directly impinging and causing damage to the Julian Fire Station's apparatus building located in San Diego County. During the rain season, the excessive soil, which is believed to be imported over the course of time, allows moisture and water to leach/leak into cinder block wall and asphalt floor thereby weakening the wall and floor and causing deterioration of the building. The project proposes to rectify this problem by removing the excess soil, and restoring the slope to original grade. It is estimated that no more than 1,000 cubic yards of soil needs to be removed within the operational area, which is approximately 28 feet (w) x 150 feet (l) x 5 feet (h), from the south side of the apparatus building. The spoil (soils from the excavation) will be redistributed to the on-site helipad or used to re-contour the upslope area to a 2-1 grade above the building. In addition, two existing retaining walls will be removed; the rock will be salvaged and potentially used for a new retaining wall. Work is targeted to start on or about September 15, 2010 – but no later than October 1, 2010. Excavation work is expected to take two weeks and is expected to be completed no later than the start of the rainy season.

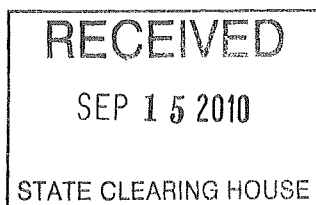
EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 & 4 §15301 Existing Facilities & §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under Class 1 Categorical Exemption (Existing Facilities) and Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land). After completing an environmental impact analysis, the Department has determined this project will have no significant impact on the environment and is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA as described in CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR §15301 and §15304) pertaining to minor alterations to land at existing public facilities. This determination is based on field assessments, CNDDDB search, and archaeological records check and field survey completed by a CAL FIRE Archaeologist. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the San Diego Unit Headquarters, 2249 Jamacha Road in El Cajon, CA 92019.

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